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Dominion News Notes

Fire Again Visits a Stricken Toronto Firm Causing Great Loss

Transatlantic Lines Announce a Cut in Rates — Curate Injured.

Fearful Experience of Young Girl Lost in the Woods For Several Days.

Toronto, Aug. 22.—Brown Bros. Limited, stationers, who suffered a loss of a quarter of a million with \$150,000 insurance in the big fire in April, again were burned out in the Queen City curling rink and church fire last night. The curling rink had been in use but three winters and was one of the best in the city. Besides their building the club members lost about \$1,000 worth of curling stones. The schoolhouse of St. Paul's Anglican church was considerably damaged by the flames. The losses are: Brown Bros., \$75,000; curling rink, \$25,000; damage to schoolhouse, \$1,000.

FATAL DRUNKEN QUARREL.
Montreal, Aug. 22.—Theodore Duval, the laborer who was shot by Antonio Glacowicz, a Galician, Saturday night, the result of a quarrel in saloon on Notre Dame street, is dead. Glacowicz is at police headquarters with the probability of a charge of murder being laid against him.

Rev. Father Gault, parish priest of St. Vincent de Paul, was crushed by falling beneath the wheels of a train at Mile End this morning.

R. C. Carter, general manager of the Bay of Quinte railway, the Oshawa railway, Thousand Isles railway and Deseronto Navigation Company, and regarded as an authority on transportation, both by rail and water, died in Royal Victoria hospital today of paralysis. Deceased's home was in Kingston.

WATCHMAN ELECTROCUTED.
St. Mary's, Ont., Aug. 22.—R. T. Swales, who was temporarily acting as night watchman, was found dead in the Town hall yesterday morning with a live wire attached to a lamp between his fingers. He had evidently been electrocuted in attempting to reach the lamp.

Edmonton, N. W. T., Aug. 22.—A drowning accident occurred yesterday afternoon at Cooking Lake, a summer resort near here. Dr. A. Sullivan, dentist, of Edmonton, and three others were out sailing on the lake when the boat capsized, the doctor being drowned. The body has not been recovered.

CUT ATLANTIC RATES.
Montreal, Aug. 22.—The Allan Canadian Pacific and Dominion steamship lines announce reductions in the first and second cabin rates from Montreal to London, Liverpool, Glasgow and other ports. The reduction is made to meet the cut made by American lines. The rate on the bush and in the bush has been on average rates, but the Cunards extended the rate cutting to the cabin passengers, and the other American and Canadian lines are forced to follow. From Montreal the first cabin rate is reduced from \$80 and upwards to \$50 and \$47.50. The second cabin rate is cut from \$37.50 to \$37.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.
Winnipeg, Aug. 22.—The wife of a section man named Wheeler committed suicide at Cowan.

Two children of Joseph Collins of the mission near Fort William disappeared last Monday. The family were camping out seven miles from the mission, and one girl fifteen years old, and a boy twelve years old, were left in the bush and lost their way. On Friday the girl found her way home after being out night and day in the bush since Monday. She is seriously ill from exposure and being without food. A search party is out for the boy.

ASSASSIN REPORTED DEAD.
St. Petersburg, Aug. 22.—It is rumored here today that the assassin of M. Von Plehve, minister of the interior, had died a few days ago.

STRIKE AGAINST CARNEGIE CO.
Pittsburg, Aug. 22.—The amalgamated society of iron and steel workers declared a strike against the Carnegie Steel Company, to go into effect Monday.

RUSSIANS STILL BUSY.
Durban, Aug. 22.—The English steamer Comedian, from Liverpool July 24, arrived here today and reported that she was stopped by a Russian converted cruiser yesterday off the mouth of the Bashi river, in the southeastern part of Cape Colony. After the Comedian's papers had been examined, she was allowed to proceed.

COLUMBINE ASHORE.
Newfoundland Fisheries Protection Vessel Strikes the Rocks.

St. John's, Nfld., Aug. 22.—The British gunboat Columbine, one of the vessels of the squadron patrolling the Newfoundland fisheries, struck on a rock today in Snooks arm, Green bay, and it is feared that she will become a total wreck. The Columbine, formerly the Kismet, is a single screw, steel vessel, and was purchased by the British government in 1897 to assist in the supervision of the fisheries in Newfoundland waters. She has a tonnage of 230 tons displacement, has an indicated horsepower of 200, is 133 feet long and is capable of making nine knots an hour. She was built in 1889.

Saint Alice

Natural Mineral Water

THE STORMING OF PORT ARTHUR

Russian War Office Hoping Against Hope That Fortress May Be Able to Hold Out in Spite of the Odds Against Them

St. Petersburg, Aug. 22.—The storming of Port Arthur, which the foreign dispatches say is progressing, is inviting attention. The brave resistance which General Stoessel is making is evoking high praise, and almost against hope that he will be able to hold out in spite of the heavy odds against him, that the Japanese are unable to gain a foothold in the inner defences is considered to be encouraging.

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QUESTION OF STRIKE.
New York, Aug. 22.—The question of a strike on the elevated railroad system of Manhattan will be acted upon by the men today.

THE SHIPBUILDING TRUST.
New York, Aug. 22.—Judge Lacombe in the United States District court today signed an order dismissing the complaint and cross bill filed by the New York Security and Trust Company against the United States Shipbuilding Company and Chas. L. Schwab. The discontinuance was made upon the consent of counsel representing the complainant and both defendants. This puts an end to the litigation against the shipbuilding company and Mr. Schwab.

BOMBARDING SAKHALIAN.
St. Petersburg, Aug. 22.—The Emperor has received a report, dated yesterday, from the Russian commandant at Korsakovsk, Island of Sakhalien, as follows: "Since 7 o'clock this morning the enemy has bombarded Korsakovsk. A few houses have been destroyed. One of the enemy's ships appeared on the horizon about 6 o'clock in the morning, approached within five and a quarter miles of the shore and bombarded Korsakovsk until 8:15 o'clock when the vessel turned and disappeared. The damage done to the town was quite considerable. There were no casualties.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Terminus
Representative Victoria Business Men Moving Strongly In the Matter.

President Hays Will Meet a Deputation During His Visit.

About eighteen months ago, when Mr. Herbert Cuthbert, secretary of the Victoria Tourist Association, returned from Montreal, a meeting was held at the Parliament buildings. Those present included representatives of the city council, Board of Trade and the Tourist Association, who met with the members of the legislature.

The meeting dealt with the question of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company building its line to Victoria. The outcome of that meeting was a memorial, drafted upon the lines of a conversation Mr. Hays had had with Mr. Moss, second vice president of the railway company. This memorial was submitted to a later meeting of representatives of the bodies mentioned already, and by that meeting was approved, the memorial being then forwarded to Mr. Hays, then the general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway Company.

Mr. Hays replied at that time to Mayor McCandless, his belief in the memorial, that no corporation could afford to ignore such a weighty memorial, and that he should be very pleased to take up the matter when the legislation had been passed by the House of Commons. Since that time there have been several communications between the representative bodies of Victoria, as mentioned, and Mr. Hays on this matter, the local representatives being led to understand that Mr. Hays was much impressed with what had been laid before him by the Victoria memorialists. Yesterday Mr. Cuthbert telegraphed Mr. Hays as follows:

Re previous correspondence referring to legislation as to western terminals, could you meet a deputation in Victoria?

(Signed) HERBERT CUTHBERT.
To this telegram came a prompt reply from the president of the Grand Trunk Railway, as follows:

Message received. Will be glad to meet yourself and deputation in Victoria before returning East, and will add to you definitely later on as to the date.

(Signed) CHAS. M. HAYS.
Mr. Cuthbert told the Colonist last evening that the association did not know when Mr. Hays would be here, but that they would be almost sure to wait upon him. Hays shall be thoroughly representative, said Mr. Cuthbert, especially as the communications forwarded to Mr. Hays were sent by the direct channel of the various public bodies already referred to in the foregoing. Consequently, further remarked Mr. Cuthbert, we, that is the board of the Tourist Association, desire to meet representatives of the Board of Trade and of the council of the Board of Trade at the Tourist Association rooms at 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, so that combined action may be taken in support of the memorial, and in other ways which may be deemed beneficial in the circumstances.

The desire of all concerned is to lay before Mr. Hays as strongly as possible the claims of Victoria to recognition in this important matter. Mr. Cuthbert expressed the opinion that the executive committee of the Board of Trade would welcome the proposal to hold such a meeting on Thursday afternoon as eagerly as the members of the city council had done, the telegram from Mr. Hays arriving too late for him to take a personal call upon the members of the council of the Board of Trade last night. Mr. Cuthbert said that this matter had not been made public before this date because it was considered best to publish nothing until it was ascertained positively that Mr. Hays was coming to the coast.

Mr. Cuthbert further said that the proposition of this representative meeting, or deputation, of Victoria business men, to be made to Mr. Hays, was that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway should come to the coast via Butte Inlet, thence cross to Vancouver Island and find its natural terminus at Victoria.

Due notice of the proposed meeting on Thursday afternoon will be served upon the members of the executive of the Board of Trade today.

U. S. CONSUL REPORTS.
Washington, Aug. 22.—United States Consul General Goodnow cabled the state department today from Shanghai, telling of the appearance of a Japanese vessel in the harbor there. He made no mention of the reported action of the American torpedo boat. He also mentions the valuable American property on the docks near where the Russian cruiser Askold is, and also said that the Russian consul general had refused to disarm the Askold.

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All Eyes Are Now on China

Great Britain Unwilling to Take Lead in Insisting on Neutrality.

Russia Claims Japan's Example For Using Chefoo as a Base.

Germany and France Likely to Insist on Compliance of Russia.

London, Aug. 22.—Interest in London today centered at Shanghai, where British interests are strongly appealing for protection. Great Britain, however, would prefer that the United States take the initiative in maintaining the neutrality of China, Great Britain's position as the ally of Japan making her situation delicate unless her interests are directly menaced. It is true, the officials say, that Great Britain agreed to the principle of the neutrality of China, but she did not agree to enforce it. Throughout the discussion relative to the Askold and the Grozovoi, she had thus far held to the view that it is none of her business and the extent Great Britain has gone to has been to point out to China the importance of maintaining her neutrality by which every belligerent is affected. The British Government hopes that the pressure of the consular body at Shanghai will make China take action to enforce her neutrality, thereby establishing a precedent, which may prevent a recurrence of similar incidents in the future.

In the case of the Iyeshitshi, no answer has been returned by Great Britain to Russia's protest, and here again it is that matter has not been developed thus far by the exchanges of communications between the powers. The Russian embassy has not made any further representations regarding the Iyeshitshi, but the fact that the Russian is expected to make a rejoinder to Japan's explanation of her attitude, as set forth in the statement made to the Associated Press from Tokyo, Russia, according to the information obtainable in London, will deny any violation of the neutrality of China in establishing a wireless station at Chefoo, and will claim that in any event she was justified in taking such steps as Japan was sending torpedo boats to Chefoo and demanding Japanese boats information in Chefoo harbor and signaled to the Japanese consul. Frequently since then, it is alleged the same course has been pursued.

Regarding the Askold and Grozovoi's case, the Russian embassy has asserted that the mere fact of a cruiser repairing and in doing so putting herself in a seaworthy condition is no violation of China's neutrality, and that after the repairs are completed the question whether the ship can be disarmed or must put to sea can be determined. It is further claimed that should the Askold and Grozovoi go to sea, they have the right to leave together and not necessarily separately.

There is also a question which it is asserted will be discussed at Shanghai, whether the ships have not the right to refuse to go out in face of the superior force outside the harbor.

In German diplomatic circles here it is understood that Berlin will support the United States in insisting on the neutrality of China, and, in fact, it is believed, is also likely to do so.

The neutrality of China has obscured for the moment the negotiations between Great Britain and Russia regarding the sinking of the British steamer Kinsmen (Columbian) by the Vladivostok squadron and the wider controversy on the subject of contraband of war. The British government is confident, however, from information received through Ambassador Hardinge, that these matters will be amicably settled, possibly by a compromise.

THE COTTON CRISIS.
Cambridge, Eng., Aug. 22.—The most interesting matter before the British association today was a discussion of the cotton crisis. Premier Balfour, president of the association, participated. He said he hoped the cotton crisis would not be stopped, but an extension in cotton cultivation would remedy the difficulties the cotton mills were experiencing.

ATTEMPT FAILED.
Endeavor to Swim English Channel Again Proves Unsuccessful.

Dover, England, Aug. 22.—Holbion abandoned the attempt to swim the Channel after having been in the water ten hours and twenty minutes. At 9:30 o'clock tonight he was six miles out from his starting point and was making good headway when he was taken ill by cramps and was in a state of collapse. He said the water was too cold for him.

Greatly announces that, owing to the low temperature of the water he will start tomorrow morning.

The records made by Captain Webb and Montague Holbion in their long-distance Channel swims from Dover to Ramsgate before attempting their cross-Channel swims were beaten July 31 last by Mr. John Alcock, a native Doverer, who swam from Dover to Ramsgate in six hours. He left Dover beach at 11:15 in the morning in a rowing boat, and when the swinging of the lights at 11:30 indicated that the time had been made, he plunged in and started off at a good pace with the breast stroke. He used no preparation upon his body and protected his head and neck from the sun with a white canvas brimmed hat. He was in the water for 12 hours and 12 minutes, and was swimming through St. Margaret's Bay. From there he swam the southwestward breeze increased, and helped the swimmer greatly. Deal pier was passed at 2 hours 52 minutes from the start. He was rather more than a mile from the shore from this point. From Deal to Sandown, thence across the shallow waters of Pevensey Bay, he made splendid progress, swimming with clockwork precision, and reached Ramsgate at 5:30 in the evening. When he left the water he was given some brandy and a glass of wine. He was the only thing taken throughout his feat. He hopes to attempt to swim across the Channel.

A Plea For More Water

Board of Fire Underwriters Urge Activity on the Part of City Council.

Lumber Yards on Yates Street Give the Aldermen Subject For Discussion

Outside of the transacting of a quantity of routine business, the one matter of special interest dealt with at yesterday evening's meeting of the council was a letter from the board of fire underwriters urging activity on the part of the civic authorities in the matter of arranging for a more adequate supply of water. In the opinion of the board, it is in the interest of the city to secure the passage of a bylaw of a liberal and comprehensive nature.

His Worship Mayor Barnard presided and all the aldermen were present.

The secretary of the Vancouver Island Board of Fire Underwriters wrote as follows: "Gentlemen—The fire of the 9th instant must have fully demonstrated to all the importance of a liberal and comprehensive supply of water. Another matter not so fully apparent to the public, but of great importance, is the need of a duplicate supply of water. It has been shown that conflagrations occur when, through some breakdown in the water supply, the brigade cannot cope with an outbreak that requires an extraordinary amount of water. Another pump, to be used when the present one is out of working order, would, in our opinion, be of great benefit, and would count in favor of the city in fire ratings.

The board would also respectfully impress upon the need of replacing the 4, 5 and 6 inch mains in the business center with 8 inch, the standard size required for the mercantile districts by the underwriters of the Pacific Coast.

We cannot regard any system as perfect which involves cutting off the water supply from the high levels when a serious fire occurs down town, as it leaves a growing and making area of the town entirely without protection. We therefore respectfully urge upon your honorable body the need of an improved system of water supply, that the time is favorable to secure the passing of a bylaw of a liberal and comprehensive nature, and that this board will co-operate with you in the best manner possible in any effort you may make to improve the fire-fighting facilities of this city.

J. G. ELLIOTT, Secy.

Referred to the water commissioner and fire wardens for report.

The secretary of the Victoria West Municipal Association called attention to the necessity of conserving the southern portion of Victoria arm.

Ald. Stewart moved that the council place itself on record with department at Ottawa as opposed to granting further franchise rights in the locality mentioned. This was seconded by Ald. Vincent and carried.

The secretary of the Tourist Association asked if it was not possible to provide more lights on the waterfront, and that the roads leading to the outer wharf be sprinkled better. Referred for report.

The same writer asked for permission to place seats along Dallas road. Request granted, subject to approval of park committee.

The secretary of the provincial board of health requested that regulations re-splitting be framed and posted in conspicuous places. Referred to chief of police with power to act.

A. A. Jones called attention to the unhealthy condition of Upper Kingston street, James Bay. Referred to streets committee.

T. S. Bales complained of his right-of-way leading to the Star shipyard being cut off.

Ald. Vincent explained that it was a matter to do with the Indian reserve. Received and filed.

P. T. Johnson asked for a position on the clerical staff of the Carnegie library. Received and filed.

E. A. Harris asked for the continuation of a sidewalk on the north side of Fourth street. Referred to the engineer for report.

Lee Chong and Lee Gow asked for permission to build sidewalk on east side of Government street between Pandora and Cormorant. Referred to streets committee.

James A. Douglas and others asked for sidewalk on Moss street between Fairfield road and Dallas road. Referred to streets committee.

Thos. Shortall and others called attention to undesirable lumber yards on corner of Yates and Quadra streets.

Ald. Fell thought it would be unwise to take any steps which would result in hampering the operation of any industry. Yates street was fast becoming a business section, stores and business houses pushing up that thoroughfare, and ultimately residences would have to go.

Referred to fire wardens and city solicitor.

It was decided to buy 1,000 barrels of Portland cement from Messrs. Robert Ward & Company.

Tenders for brackets and columns for lamps for the James Bay causeway were referred to the engineer and the mayor to take up the matter with the B. C. Electric Railway Company.

The finance committee recommended the payments of accounts amounting to \$9,422.42. Adopted.

The Home committee recommended that Wm. Watt be admitted to the Old Men's Home. Adopted.

The streets committee recommended proceeding with the work of extending the sidewalk as a work of local improvement; that a portion of the sidewalk on Cedar Hill road, recently destroyed by fire, be replaced and that a brick barn situated on lot 22, Mary street, be removed.

The report was adopted.

Ald. Oddy asked that steps be taken to protect the city's rights as to the north end of Monies street. He noticed that the C. P. R. had put a plank walk down there.

The mayor explained that the matter was receiving the attention of himself and the city solicitor.

Replying to a query from Ald. Fell, the mayor explained that the house of ill-fame on Kane street, about which complaint had been made, would be closed, instructions to that effect having been issued.

The council then adjourned.

NEWS OF THE DAY

AT LADYSMITH

Funeral of Late John Haddon on Sunday—Shipping of the Port.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ladysmith, Aug. 22.—The funeral of the late James Haddon, who was killed at the Extension mines on Thursday morning, took place yesterday, the remains being conveyed to Nainina for interment. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in Ladysmith, this being due to the popularity of the deceased and the high esteem in which he and his family are held in this district. The Ladysmith City band headed the mournful procession from the house to the station, and the members of the London Lodge, No. 8, K. of P., also turned out to a man to show their respect to their departed brother. The Rev. Mr. Boyle, Ladysmith, conducted the service at the grave, which was a most solemn one. The deceased, who was

a native of Lanarkshire, Scotland, was 34 years of age, and leaves a young widow to mourn his loss.

A lecture on Socialism was given on the Pavilion green yesterday afternoon by E. T. Kingsley, but he had a very small audience, due, in a measure, to the funeral of James Haddon at Nainina.

The members of the Presbyterian Sunday school had their annual picnic on Saturday, the place selected for the outing being Chemainus river. Those who did take in the trip had a most enjoyable day and returned home on the evening train well pleased with themselves.

The steamer Wyfield completed loading her cargo of coal and sailed yesterday morning for San Francisco.

The steamer Tellus arrived from San Francisco yesterday morning and is now taking on coal.

The five-masted schooner Snow and Burgess left with about 2,000 tons of sacked coal for Nome on Saturday.

The Rev. J. C. Herdman, D. D., Calgary, preached at the Presbyterian church last evening.

School commences today in Ladysmith after the summer vacation.

THE SAVOY.

Good Programme of Vaudeville Being Given at Popular Playhouse.

Instantaneous success marked the production of that sensational border drama, "The Daini Boys," two acts, from the pen of Geo. W. Milton, at the Savoy last night. There is plenty of excitement and thrills in it and never for a moment does the interest flag.

The performance has won the approval of all who visited the Savoy last evening. The Buckeye trio, in their laugh-producing specialty entitled "A Tramp's Dream," is one of the best novelty acts in the country and should be seen to be appreciated.

Saville and Fagan are two comedians who abandon the time-worn track and strike out into new fields of comedy.

Groeta and Summers are a pair of comic songsters who wear pretty costumes and sing catchy songs.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Milton are a pair of comic producers par excellence. Maud Davie, Alice Wiedemere and Alice Stanley go to make up an excellent cast that has not been surpassed at the Savoy.

GOLDSTREAM NEW SOURCE FOR WATER

Plan Which Council Is Considering Involves Acquiring All Rights.

The Colonist has ascertained that the scheme for improving the water service of the city which has been under consideration by the mayor and council and water commissioner for months past, is now being taken up by the city of all water facilities and rights at Goldstream. Ever since the Colonist announced a couple of weeks ago that the council would shortly submit a comprehensive plan for improving the service, speculation has been rife as to the ratepayers and citizens generally as to "what was in the wind," and the information which is imparted this morning is decidedly new and interesting.

In the various discussions which have taken place during the last twenty years about the question of a large supply of water for Victoria, Goldstream had its share of advocates as the most desirable spot to look to for an adequate supply, but of such discussions nothing definite materialized. Now, however, a well-thought-out plan of acquiring the undoubtedly valuable rights at Goldstream will shortly be laid before the ratepayers.

The Esquimalt Water Works Company have a valuable plant at Goldstream, besides very large interests, and these will have to be acquired. The tramway company pay annually a large sum for power which operates the tram and lighting system in this city, and under the plan which the city is considering the money which the tramway company pays will go into the revenue of the city. Abundant additional water power can also be supplied to other companies by the city, and it is anticipated that the financial burden imposed upon the city in the new plan will not be very great.

PLATHEAD OIL REGION.

Spokane People Taking Great Interest in B. C. Petroleum Prospects.

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THE CASE SHOULD BE STATED.

We do not presume that any person will be seriously influenced by statements persistently made to the effect that the McBride Government do now or ever did propose to offer unsolicited a large land grant to the Grand Trunk Pacific in connection with the construction of the line through British Columbia. We do not presume that even the most innocent of readers in the matters of politics would imagine that the members of the administration contemplated committing suicide, however anxious they might be to make themselves "good fellows" with the promoters of the railway in question. They are probably in as good a position as any others to know the temper of the people of the Province. Still less would it be probable, since we have had the solemn assurance of a Minister of the Crown, that the construction of the new railway is to commence from the coast and proceed simultaneously eastward to meet the line from Winnipeg, that they would persist in thrusting a bonus on the company having that purpose in view. The suggestion is so childish as to be absolutely inconceivable as the same expression of opinion on the part of any one. We only refer to it for the purpose of calling attention to a statement that "the influence of the union was so potent that delegates were authorized long before Mr. Hays and his colleagues left for the West with pistols in their hands to approach the magnates and inquire the extent of the subsidies in land and the nature of the concessions they would require. We make this statement knowing it to be a fact."

If it were possible for any person to believe such a statement to be true, it would be a serious allegation. As it is an allegation of fact, it is worthy of consideration and investigation. We do not believe in immunities in matter involving the honor of a government. They are cowardly. They either should not be made at all, or the facts upon which they are based should be stated openly. We have asked several times that the names of these mysterious "delegates" or "emissaries," as they are otherwise referred to, should be published; also the time and manner of their going, and the consideration involved. Those who desire to leave a certain impression on the public should have the moral courage to be open and above board. If the intention is to do serious injury to the present provincial administration the way to do it is to state all the circumstances and establish them by proof.

THE PROSPECTS OF AN ELECTION.

The Eastern Canadian papers are just now discussing the question of an early election. That is to say, the independent and Liberal-Conservative papers are. The Liberal papers are ominously silent on the subject. The opinion seems to be pretty general that an election will be held this fall, not, perhaps, as a matter of inclination on the part of the Government, but as a matter of necessity. The Government at Ottawa is no longer its own master. It is controlled by the Grand Trunk Pacific. On account of the feeling over the Dundonald dismissal the Government would, undoubtedly, prefer to postpone the elections until next year, in order that the affair might blow over. This the railway company objects to most strenuously, as it wants the election over as soon as possible, otherwise the promoters will refuse to put money up for campaign funds, which is a most important matter for the success of the Liberals. Quebec, too, is a factor to be dealt with. The people of that province want to see the railway work started without delay. Quebec will probably be the pivotal point in the election, not only on account of the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific, but on account of Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself. He is the natural leader of the French Canadians. A desperate appeal will be made to the Province to return him again, and it is being represented that this will be probably his last time to come before the people of Canada as Premier. His health is not so strong or so good as to warrant the expectation that he can long withstand the worries and strain of political life. It is understood that Sir Wilfrid will prefer to retire and devote himself to certain literary pursuits that are congenial to him. As will be seen by the extracts published elsewhere there is already great political activity in the Province of Quebec. The Premier and the other members naturally desire to have a short vacation after a hard session, but as soon as a reasonable rest has been had there is every reason to believe that the campaign will be opened and an election at an early date announced. Everything points to this. The Liberals do not desire a long campaign. They will trust to good times, the Grand Trunk Pacific and large subsidies to do the work for them. Fortune has favored them exceedingly in all these respects. So far as their own acts are concerned they have done everything to forfeit the confidence of the electors of Canada. They have been corrupt in the extreme, they have been extravagant beyond the bounds of anything known in the history of the country, and they have violated in practice every political principle they enunciated while in Opposition.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

CARELESS CAMPERS.
Sir—At midnight on Saturday last our camp was aroused by a resident on the banks of Victoria Arm who requested us to assist in extinguishing a bush fire on the Hudson's Bay Company's land at the head of the Arm. After several hours' work we succeeded, and thereby prevented what might have been a very serious fire.

There have been several bush fires about here this summer, and the Hudson's Bay Arm have suffered considerable damage in consequence. The fires were undoubtedly due to the carelessness or indifference of campers. I have repeatedly seen their fires burning right in the heart

of the bush. Can nothing be done to enforce the law relating to bush fires? The Hudson's Bay Company and the Hudson's Bay Company are both interested in preserving the natural beauty of this place, and could probably move the provincial police to enforce the law. Printed notices placed in the bush houses in Victoria, warning the public of the consequences of starting bush fires, and of the fact that a constable on duty, would tend to make people exercise a little more thought and care in this respect.

GEO. PHILLIPS.
The Philippines Camp, Craigflower Bridge.

EUROPE'S DEBT TO RUSSIA—OF WO?

Sir—On reading an article in your Sunday issue entitled, "Europe's debt to Russia," one is inclined to smile, but when on noting that the article is written by so great a man as Captain W. R. Pugsley, one is inclined to pause and feel of wonder and dread—dread lest the old British boast, that "Honour, bravery and ability should have its just dues," is giving place to race hatred.

The most conspicuous argument that he uses to show that Russia was the benefactor of civilization is the debt against the Japs and the colored men of the United States. As is usual with the author in his speeches and writings, he must repeat the same old story, and a pugilist, and that the law is the only protection that one has, who is foolish enough to disagree with him. But probably he is like the Russians whom he champions, and he told the world the same story, but the Japs have called their bluff.

He goes back to the days of Genghis Khan to show that Russia was the benefactor of civilization. He fails to mention Polish national destruction, Finnish atrocities, Kishinev massacres, Jewish murders, the loss of mine for honorable political opponents.

Who has forgotten the 5,000 Boxer prisoners drove at the point of the bayonet into the river?

Capt. W. R. Pugsley sets himself up in judgment against the best mind of the British Empire, who has ever had that bequest of the creeping fear to the death. They would restrict Russia as an ever-present evil and a menace to the peace of the world. Capt. W. R. Pugsley lends them the stick.

In his tirade against the Japs he fails to tell us that he is amongst the bravest, most home-loving, patriotic, intelligent men in the world today. Fifty years ago he was a heathen; now he is acknowledged by British, American, French and German authorities to be in the forefront in military performance, in physical culture and in every art that has come to notice in the last few months.

The author is pleased to hurl ridicule at the colored people of the South. He gets to say that 40 years ago he was in slavery; now he has colleges, seminaries, etc. They have been in the senate, house of representatives, and in the cabinet. They ever attained that honor? Will he ever?

He says they are still niggers. Is this the language of an aspiring poet laureate or that of the slaver? Is it the language of a gentleman of culture? Methinks not. Do you think that Booker Washington or his educated associates would descend to use such terms? In using such language does Capt. W. R. Pugsley place himself on a higher or lower plane than Admiral Togo or Fred Douglass?

Britishers have always said "Let the best man win." Capt. W. R. Pugsley proudly says he would rather see the worst of men win, if he has a white skin, than to see the best of men win if he is otherwise wise in color. Is this sportsmanlike? Is it British fair play?

He mentions Christianity. Is this his teaching? Does he not say that God is no respecter of persons, and that a man should be judged by his inward and not his outward self?

He would have us believe that Russia is justified in subjugating Siberia, stealing Manchuria, and threatening Japan at her very doors, and that the Japs are monsters for protesting, simply because the fires is white.

He prophesies Japan at the head of the Mongolians, conquering Europe. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. Russia is the present evil, and as such is to be dealt with.

Did Japan hunt for trouble with Russia? Or did it brought to her doors?

Was the African coming across America looking for trouble, or was it forced on him? Let honor and blame be to whom it is due.

It is strange that alongside Capt. W. R. Pugsley's article is one by a Russian official on "His Shame for His Country," and another, the "Voices of Finland."

Lastly, Capt. W. R. Pugsley, the Russ and the Briton. If ever comparison was odious this is the time.

Thanking you for your space.

E. L. HARRISON.

MERCIFUL AND SENSIBLE, TOO.

In its quest of four-footed unfortunates the English Church Society for the Promotion of Kindness to Animals has hit upon a plan for decreasing the suffering among cats by placing a tax upon them. If all stray cats and those upon whom the owners do not care enough to pay the tax are quietly chloroformed, the society believes fair Albion will soon become a cat paradise.—Aberdeen Bulletin.

WEAK POINT IN THE SCIENCE.

Hager's Weekly.

A well known physician who is somewhat sceptical as to the soundness of Christian Science tells the story of an old Edgely and her little boy. The mother was crossing the field with her small son when a goat appeared and came towards them threateningly, to the dismay of the youngster, who shrunk in terror before his mother's side. Recalling her beliefs, she tried to assure him.

"Why, George," she said soothingly, as the goat continued to advance, "don't you know that you are a Christian? Science tells you that there's no such thing as pain and that it would be useless for the goat to try and hurt you? Don't you know that?"

"Yes," wailed the doubting believer, between his sobs, "I know it and you know it, but the goat don't know it!"

THE PLOT THICKENS.

The Mail and Empire.

For the position of authority in the construction of the government section of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway an active, adroit politician has been named. Mr. Wade, the member for Annapolis, is to step out of the shadows and has just voted to fasten the unpopular project on the country, and is to direct the expenditure of \$75,000,000 of public money. This gentleman knows as much about building railways as he knows about airships or submarines. In short, he is not an expert. What, then, are his special qualifications? He may be urged that the member for Annapolis possesses the confidence of the government. Yet those very confidences, and the connection of Mr. Wade with the modified machinery ought to be taken into such an appointment. By a scrupulous government, and one whose intentions will bear close examination, the expenditure of a large sum of money afforded an opportunity as it does for all sorts of political deals, would be confided to a board of independent experts rather than to a plant parasite.

THE GENERAL ELEPHANT.

Tribune, Winnipeg.

There is every indication that the general elections will be sprung very shortly. The end of October is set for the date by the knowing ones, although the middle of November would seem to be the more likely time. The fact that the Liberal leaders appear to be resting on their oars, as it were, after the turmoil of a busy session should not be taken as any sure indication that there is to be another session. As a matter of fact, government workers are running about mysteriously, campaign literature is being circulated actively, and the organs are publishing the kind of matter relating to comparisons between the accomplishments of the present and the late government that always precedes an election. From the Liberal who are usually "on the inside" believe that the elections will be held this fall, and unless there is a bad crop failure, there would seem to be no doubt that they will be called before long.

DOWN IN QUEBEC.

Down in Quebec the indications strongly point to a general election this fall. The French-Canadian Liberal newspapers have instituted a vigorous campaign on behalf of Laurier. Appeals are being made to the people of Quebec to support a French-Canadian premier for the last time. This they declare will be the last time, and with his passing will end the reign of a premier of their own race for many years to come. The situation is thus described by the Toronto World.

"That the Ottawa government has de-

clined to appear to the people the coming fall is as certain as the fact of night following day, all statements coming from him hence to be in the confidence of ministers being merely to hoodwink the position.

"In Montreal ministerial circles, signs are multiplying hourly which can leave no doubt of the fact that the ministry aims at a surprise and a snap verdict from the electorate. All the surrounding counties are swarming with Liberal action workers, although divisions in the party in several of the city constituencies, have prevented as much work being done in the government interest as in many of the rural sections of the province, yet in spite of this trouble the work is going quietly on. The French press is also looked after, in a manner that leaves no possible doubt as to the intention of the powers that be at Ottawa."

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IT IS QUITE DOUBTFUL.

Seattle Times.

It is the opinion of Mr. John H. Baferty, the traveling correspondent of the Chicago Tribune and the Seattle Times, that Seattle, British Columbia, is ripe for annexation. "We doubt whether any portion of the Dominion of Canada could be taken into the United States more readily than all others. It would be treated as secession on the part of the general Dominion government."

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SCARCITY OF LABOR.

London Times.

We have received from the secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association a report showing the present scarcity of labor in Canada and the needs of the members of the association. The grand total amounts to 6,717, but of these nearly one-half are among canners, in which industry the figures are: Men, 320; boys, 510; women, 2,100. All these vacancies are in Ontario, except those for 200 men who are needed in British Columbia. There are 390 shantymen needed for the lumber trade in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, 200 are needed for the wood sugar industry in Ontario, and 100 stone and marble cutters are required in Quebec. Women are chiefly needed in the clothing, woolen and cotton industries, especially in Ontario. The association is the largest central organization of manufacturers, and represents 1,500 manufacturers.

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Last evening within the Tourist Association rooms a meeting of the transportation committee of the Victoria exhibition took place, there being present Messrs. D. R. Kerr, chairman; H. H. Abbott, C. S. Baxter, George L. Courtney, A. T. Goward and Herbert Cuthbert. The preliminary steps were taken at that meeting to encourage a much larger attendance at the exhibition this year than has been experienced in the past.

The proposal is to have as many excursions as possible arranged for over the various routes from the Sound and mainland, as well as from the island north of Victoria. It is proposed to offer specially reduced excursion rates from Seattle and other Sound ports, Nanaimo and Vancouver for the fall excursion.

Mr. Abbott said it might be possible to have the steamer Princess Beatrice run an excursion from Bellinham or Everett for one day during the week, and that the steamer Princess Victoria might possibly be held over at Seattle on Thursday; instead of leaving Wednesday night, leaving Seattle Thursday morning instead at 7:30, returning to her regular run at 7 o'clock the same night. Also that the steamer Charming could make a special excursion from Vancouver in addition to the regular boat. It was believed that a \$1.50 round trip rate on all those boats, with the exception of the Princess Victoria, would be a sufficiently low rate to bring a big crowd.

Mr. Courtney was asked if it would not be possible to put on a special train at \$1 or \$1.50 from Nanaimo, returning from here that night at 7 o'clock, especially on the day that the rock-drilling contest is held, should that item be included in the list of attractions. Mr. Courtney is giving the matter his earnest consideration.

Mr. Courtney was appointed to wait on Mr. E. E. Blackwood, who could not be present at the meeting, to enquire if it would be possible to have the steamer Dolphin, or the Jefferson, make a special excursion from the Sound to Victoria, particularly on Wednesday, the day of the great naval demonstration. If those excursions could be arranged, in addition to the usual advertising of the companies, it is expected that the exhibition management will do what they can to advertise the excursions. The Tourist Association also would allow Mr. Herbert Cuthbert to go over to the Sound and work up the excursion question.

The prospects for an unusually large attendance at the annual exhibition this fall are excellent.

TRouble WITH VENEZUELA.

Washington, Aug. 22.—President Castro has not favorably received United States Minister Bowser's request for restoration of the property of the New York and Bermudez Asphalt Company in Venezuela pending legal proceedings. The minister called the state department today from Caracas that President Castro thought the United States government should await the conclusion of the legal proceedings, allowing the asphalt mine property to remain meanwhile in the hands of Receiver Carrer. Nothing further has been done about the matter.

BOUNDARY ORE SHIPMENTS.

Phoenix, B. C., Aug. 22.—Boundary ore shipments now run over the 500,000 ton mark for this year, the following being the figures for the several mines for the past week: Granby mines to Granby smelter, 10,680 tons; Mother Lode to Greenwood smelter, 4,192 tons; Emma to Greenwood, Nelson and Trail smelters, 1,452 tons; Oro Denoro to Granby smelter, 99 tons; Mountain Rose to Greenwood smelter, 33 tons. Total for week, 16,433 tons; total for year to date, 515,451 tons. Granby smelter treated this week 11,757 tons, or 375,848 tons for the year thus far.

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Presentation of Governor-General's Medal to Clara Van Sant at North Ward.

The various public schools of the city with the exception of the High school, were opened yesterday with appropriate services and with the largest attendance of pupils in the history of Victoria. Approximately 3,000, two hundred applications are on hand that the question of school accommodation becomes more pressing than ever.

The feature of the day was the presentation at the North Ward school of the Governor-General's medal to Miss Van Sant, a young lady who has established a remarkably brilliant record for herself thus early in life. To witness the pleasing ceremony there was assembled a very large and enthusiastic audience made up of relatives and friends of the various pupils. The pleasing duty of handing Miss Van Sant the coveted emblem of proficiency devolved upon Alexander Robinson, superintendent of education, who seized the occasion to tender some very timely and valuable advice to the pupils if they would emulate and achieve the success which Miss Van Sant had gained. The young lady was cautioned to always hold up as ideals the pure and good, the noble and true. Mr. Robinson's address was listened to with marked attention, and loudly applauded. Miss Van Sant being the recipient of wholesale congratulations on her first success.

A good programme of music and vocal selections added to the enjoyment of the occasion. Prof. Haynes orchestra furnished accompaniments. Mr. Vaddler sang several fine selections in chorals.

Commencement day exercises were held yesterday afternoon in the assembly hall of South Park school. About 200 people were in attendance. The exercises were in charge of Mr. J. H. Redfern, Ex-Mayor of Victoria, and Rev. W. L. Clay. A short programme, as follows, was rendered by the pupils:

Piano solo, Ada Alice Schwegers
Recitation, Edna Wight
Song, Georgiana Bebbington
Violin solo, Justine Gilbert
Recitation, Andrew Alexander
Of these five numbers, perhaps the artistic playing of Justine Gilbert and the recitation of Doris by Miss Alexander were most appreciated.

The rolls of honor were presented by Mrs. Trustee Jenkins, who took occasion to remark on the unique record of Anna Matilda Henderson, who has been named a session not been late in six consecutive years. M. P. P. the Rev. W. L. Clay presented to Blayne Edmund Scott the "Drury prize" for the highest marks in Canadian history in the city schools. Master Scott having the unprecedented high mark of 97 per cent. Mr. Clay handed to the twenty-three successful candidates their high school entrance certificates. This number added to the thirteen promoted at Christmas makes a total of thirty-six accepted from the first division of this school for the school year ending June 30, 1904, a number larger than that of any other one individual classroom in the whole province for that period.

Ex-Mayor Redfern in presenting to Justine Gilbert the Redfern medal pointed out that this pupil had the honor of being the first to receive the medal in the history of the school, those who previously held that high place being Mabel Agnes Cameron, James Henry Gordon and Wilhelmina Bannard.

Kindly words of encouragement were spoken by several present, and the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close. A prize offered by Mrs. George Rife for the best essay of Captain E. H. Hemming, R. M. S. Mowara, will be awarded later. The honor list follows:

Proficiency—Justine Gilbert.
Department—Harold George Bannard.
Regularity—Anna Matilda Henderson.
Ida Belle McEwen, Eugenie Clare Hewartson, Clara Victoria Berryman.

PRIZES.
Redfern medal for Proficiency—Justine Gilbert.
Drury prize for Canadian History—Blayne Edmund Scott.
First prize, writing, 80 per cent—Marie Louise Bloor.
First prize, spelling, 91 per cent—Winifred Maud Fox.
First prize, geography, 82 per cent—William Frank Cameron.
First prize, reading, 75 per cent—Marguerite Nettie Pickaby, Dayle E. Jones, Gladys Elsie Cruickshank, Winifred Mary Sowercroft.

The latter prizes were presented by W. G. Cameron, M. P. P.

In none of the other schools of the city were there such splendid successes. The closing exercises were held for the midsummer term. The High school will reopen next week.

A number of complaints have reached the colonist respecting the system obtaining in the education department which involves what many allege is an unnecessary expenditure on the part of parents on the opening of each school term. It is contended that the instances where parents are often compelled to buy for a pupil who has just been advanced to a higher grade books similar to what are already possessed by an elder child of the family, but debarraged of use by some technical rule. As a case in point, it is mentioned that elementary books used by scholars taking Latin in the High school, cannot be used by children taking up that study for the first time in the graded schools. Superintendent Robinson was asked about this yesterday and explained that as far as he knew elementary books used by pupils in the graded schools could be used in the high school; but he was not sure that the case would work. The matter of the interchange of school books between pupils of the family is of vital importance to very many people; and many are of the opinion that a concerted effort should be made to remedy the grievance.

STRIKE AT GREENWOOD.

Important Find on Barbara Claim Adjoining the Townsite.

Greenwood, B. C., Aug. 22.—The latest interest in mining circles was caused Thursday by a strike on the Barbara, which adjoins the townsite on the east. Some of the best residences of the town are on the claim. The Barbara is under bond to Alex. Miller, and is in charge of W. H. Jeffery, mining engineer. A winch has been sunk about 40 feet. There is a lead of 14 inches nearly solid ore. The ore is galena, zinc blende and copper sulphide occurring in a granular quartz gangue and yielding a value of nearly \$100 to the ton. William Fowler, one of the experienced miners in high-grade ores in the Boundary has just returned from a trip up West fork. Mr. Fowler speaks very enthusiastically of Wallace mountain, at Beaver Creek, and claims that the showings there are among the finest he has ever seen.

Mrs. George Westinghouse gives the society people of Lenox park to talk about owing to the splendour, not to say eccentricities of her entertainments. She has had designs upon the social leadership of that exclusive spot and has had at her dinners the British ambassador and wife.

PERSONALS.

James McDonald, one of the pioneer merchants of the Kootenay country and in the city of Nelson, B.C., and at the present time a resident of Victoria, is on his way to Kootenay, or about twenty years. He is visiting Victoria, accompanied by his wife and family, on a holiday.

G. Sheldon-Williams, editor of the B. C. Mining Exchange, came over from Vancouver last night, and is registered at the Dominion.

Mrs. Brechley and family returned yesterday from an eight-week holiday at Shewan Falls.

Rev. John Robertson and wife, Fort Dufferin, Ont.; W. D. Spence and wife, St. Mary's, Ont.; A. Bishop and wife, Calgary, Alta.; John King, L. E. Dennis, Winnipeg; Albert Gerard and wife, St. Paul, Minn.; Miss Ella Dawson, Chelmsford, Essex, Eng.; Miss L. Johnson, Miss Florence E. Poucher, Seattle; H. H. Miller, Carleton Place, Ont.; W. H. Hazlett and family, Vancouver, B. C.; H. H. Hazlett and family, Chelmsford, Essex, Eng.; H. H. Hazlett and family, Chelmsford, Essex, Eng.; H. H. Hazlett and family, Chelmsford, Essex, Eng.

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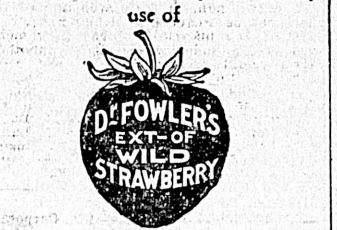
Montreal Herald. The Czar must be a poor sort of chap. Most men in his circumstances would have gone on a tearing spree with the boys. He only went to the races.

ALL FOR A BOY.
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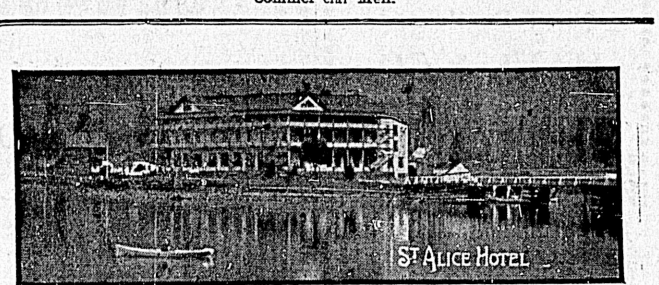
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Pen Picture of Town of Duncans

Visitor's Description of Pretty
 Spot on Line of the E. & N.
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Is a Lovely Place In Which to
 Spend a Summer
 Holiday.

The following description of the vigorous little inland town is sent the Colonist by Rev. Dr. Campbell:
 Duncans is midway between Victoria and Nanaimo, a depot on the E. & N. railway, a lovely spot in which to spend a summer holiday. The forest-clad mountains in the distance "lend enchantment to the view." Mount Sicker, so rich in mineral wealth, where numerous are made and lost, stands up boldly against the sky to the southwest, and to the northeast "Zouhalem," the "shining-face," guards the town as an impregnable rampart thrown up by the elements of ancient Greece, or the Manitou of the painted warriors of the brave Cowichians. Through the valley in which this charming hamlet stands, flows over a pebbly bed the serpentine Cowichan river, with grassy banks and sylvan fringe, clear and pure as the waters of Loch Katrine, immortalized by Scotland's greatest poet. In the cool of the day, as the sun sinks behind the forest hills, it reminds one of the fairy tale of childhood to meander along the picturesque banks of this historic river, where once the bear, and the deer and the red man of the forest were "monarchs of all they surveyed." While man, cruel man, "the worst that gnawed the bonny trees," stripped the banks of much of their natural beauty yet "The hanging beech and the spreading elm
 Shades the stream so clear and cool;
 And stately oaks their twisted arms
 Throw broad and dark across the pool."
 Few rivers on Vancouver Island offer greater sport to the enthusiastic angler than the Cowichan, for, with hook and line, he can at any time depend on a good basket of the funny tribe—"bonny fish and halibut farin."
 The forest, both in the valleys and on the mountains, is abundant in game—bear, deer, pheasant and grouse. During the shooting season the report of the hunter's gun and the quick, sharp bark of the bird-dog, is heard in every direction, and the fallow of East is almost invariably rewarded with grand sport and a large bag. It is much to the credit of the residents of the district that the game law is well observed during the closed season.
 "The snipe cove then may crumple crawl,
 For Heather Jack is then awa."
 All the people around Duncans are in good circumstances; poor people are unknown for they are not there. They have large farms, and most have small "ranches." The soil is so productive and the climate so favorable that a few acres well tilled produce abundance to maintain a family in comfort. The district is sure to become noted for its fruit, both as to quantity and quality, and more particularly for its apples. The farm stock is very fine. All the ranchers delight in having good roasters and general purpose horses, which show both as to quantity and quality, and are well cared for. Even the Indians have excellent horses. The Cowichan creamery, which is well patronized, is of much help in lessening the work of the farm and in replenishing the farmer's exchequer. Although as yet it is not very large, it makes three thousand pounds of butter weekly. The butter-milk is generously given free to all who wish to take it. It is refreshing to see the train loads rush with their cans when the train stops at the depot to the creamery for butter-milk, rather than to the hotel for beer. A visit to the post office at once shows that the people are well educated for there one sees the literature that is read. The class of literature in the public library is much more refined and of a higher literary order than that in most libraries in villages and rural districts. Your correspondent was astonished when told that not a few of the ranchers are distinguished college graduates. But he was convinced ere long that such was the case. They speak, dress and act as educated, well-bred English ladies and gentlemen. No snobbery was in evidence, but refinement in speech and manners the proof of culture and good breeding. The women dress well and look well—never over-dressed. The village is a model of sobriety and good behavior. No profane language or vulgar conduct by the citizens is even seen in the streets day or night. Several evenings a

spectator of scores of young men and boys engaged in baseball and other games, and heard not an objectionable expression at any time, which in itself speaks volumes to the credit of Duncans and the behavior of its youths.
 For honesty of both whites and Indians bear a high character. No locking and winding and barring of doors for protection are necessary, nor, indeed, much practiced.
 In the near future, no doubt, the banks of the Cowichan river, in the neighborhood of Duncans, as it becomes better known, will be a popular place for summer holidaying and camping parties. "So note it be."

THE ST. LEGER.

The public is looking forward to the St. Leger on September 7th with more interest than has been shown for many years. Pretty Polly is first favorite, and St. Amant, the winner of the Derby, a strong second. Rumor says that the two French horses, Ajax and Gouverneur, will both run. "The Grand" English St. Leger Sweepstake, conducted by Mr. Salmon, is filling rapidly, the mails bringing a steady flow of orders for tickets from country and mainland points. In this sweepstake 40 per cent. goes to first horse, 20 per cent. to second, 10 per cent. to third. Starters get 10 per cent. divided amongst them, and non-starters, of whom there will be many, 20 per cent. As a safeguard for the public, a definite amount, 10 per cent., is set aside for expenses, advertising and printing, and cannot be exceeded.

Are You Going to the World's Fair?

If so, you should take along a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The hot weather, fatigue and excess of drinking water and diet are almost certain to produce diarrhoea, and when you have this remedy at hand you can check it at once. If you wish to buy it while there, you can get it at any drug store in St. Louis, and at the Inside Drug Store. For sale by all Druggists.

WITH MILITARY HONORS.

Impressive Services at Funeral of the Late John A. Coates on Sunday.

Full military honors were accorded the late John A. Coates at the funeral on Sunday afternoon and there was a very large attendance of sympathizing friends and acquaintances. At 2:30 o'clock services were held at the family residence, No. 8 North Chatham street, later at Emmanuel Baptist church. Members of No. 1 Company, Fifth Regiment band and the local lodges, Ancient Order of Foresters, attended in a body.
 Rev. E. L. Dakin, pastor of the Emmanuel church, conducted impressive services, delivering an appropriate but brief address, taking for his subject the text, "Prepare to Meet thy God." In the course of his remarks he particularly emphasized three facts, namely, "There is a God," "You must meet Him" and "You ought to prepare to meet Him." This was followed by several hymns, after which Rev. J. F. Vichert, a personal acquaintance of deceased, gave a short address.
 There was also a large crowd at the cemetery, where impressive services were conducted by the chaplain of the Ancient Order of Foresters. The last sad rites having been observed the firing party of the regiment fired the usual three rounds over the grave.

Acting as pallbearers on behalf of the regiment were: Sergt. Hayward, Corp. Lawson, Bomb. Wolfenden, Gunners Debovise, McKilligan and McKenney, Messrs. A. J. Binco, J. P. Salway, J. P. Gillis, S. J. Willis, E. Campbell and W. N. Winsby were pallbearers representing the teaching staff.
 All the arrangements for the funeral were in the hands of Capt. Currie, of the Fifth Regiment, and W. J. Hanna.

The funeral of the late Alexander H. Graham, whose death occurred at Van on Saturday, will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of his sister, Mrs. A. McGregor, No. 27 Bay street. Deceased was an unmarried man and well known along the coast. The remains were brought from the mainland on Sunday evening.

WHY YOUR HEAD ACHES.

The mechanism of the human body is wonderful. Like delicate machinery even a slight cause may so disarrange its working as to render it practically useless. Sick headache indicates more than a trifling stomach disorder, for the liver and kidneys are sure to be affected.
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Watching Wireless Signal System

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 vinced of Efficiency
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Officials of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company deny the published reports that the steamers Queen, Umattilla and City of Puebla, of the Sound-Victoria-San Francisco service, are to be equipped at once with wireless telegraph apparatus. All the company intends to do for the present is to note carefully the operation of the several wireless stations at Cape Plattery and other points along the coast. The company may, in the future, by the system being proved of practical utility, consider the question of installing wireless instruments on the steamers of their Sound-California fleet; but the assertion that they had determined to do so now is incorrect.

CHINESE CREWS.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company has made application to Commissioner of Immigration H. H. North, at San Francisco, for permission to transfer to the Manchuria a crew of Chinese, numbering 207, from the Siberia. This permission was withheld by the commissioner pending instructions from Washington. There is a strong probability that the transfer will not be allowed, in view of a recent ruling of the department that "Chinese crews, being part of this country, although sailors, it not actually engaged as such on the vessel on which they arrive, are merely laborers and as such not entitled to admission either physically to the vessel or to the vessel itself, and the American vessel, and it engaged on the ship must remain on the vessel on which they came."

NEW YORK TO BE OVERHAULED.

The flagship New York, daily expected here from Puget sound with the cruiser Marblehead and gunboat Bennington, is to make only a brief stop before proceeding on her way to the Atlantic. The flag of Rear-Admiral Goodrich flies from the New York, but upon meeting the cruiser Chicago down the coast, the flag will be transferred to that vessel, and Capt. Hunker, of the New York, will take the New York around into the Atlantic. She is to be given an extensive overhauling and made more modern. Electricity, instead of steam, will be utilized by the turrets, and her intermediary battery is to be completely changed.

UMATTILLA'S CARGO.

The steamer Umattilla, which arrived Sunday from San Francisco carried an assorted cargo consigned to Seattle and the leading British Columbia cities. Among the principal exports were the following: 12,500 pounds dried fruits, 1,506 boxes fresh fruits, 2650 pounds raisins, 90 packages fresh vegetables, 151 gallons wine, 23,535 pounds malt, 4,233 pounds rice, 6 cases paste, 12 cases groceries, 1,606 pounds coffee, 207 pounds beans, 120 gallons whiskey, 11 cases table preparations, 53 cases canned goods, 2,650 pounds meals, 107 sacks potatoes, 17 packages onions, 60 bales lumber, 4 packages pipe and fittings, 6 bundles paper, 5 packages hats, 1 package machinery, 2 bales dry goods, 41 cases drugs, 12,003 pounds soda, 3 cases sewing machines, 4 crates electrical goods, 25 pounds bitumen, 164 packages roofing material.
 The steamer also carried 155 packages tank material enroute to Dawson, N. W. T.

TAKING JAPANESE CARGO.

The Pacific Mail Company's new liner Manchuria, to sail next Tuesday, is taking on a big cargo of merchandise, most of it consigned to Japanese ports. The shipments include 200 tons of leather and about 3,000 tons of flour. At least 9,000 tons of freight, it is estimated, will be sent out in the steamer, at least two-thirds of it being destined for Japan. In the face of this, however, the Japanese are endeavoring to prevent the Pacific Mail Company as scheduled to sail next Tuesday with freight for the Orient, excepting New China, Japanese, Korean, Manchurian and Siberian ports.

CONTRABAND OF WAR.

The San Francisco Daily Commercial News makes the following editorial comment on a timely topic:
 "The question of shipping of contraband, which is going on steadily from America, the seizure of the Russian vessel in Clefcho harbor by the Japanese, the harboring of the disabled Russian war vessels in Chinese ports, the assistance rendered Japan by China, etc., are of the nature from which a grave international complication might at any time arise. If a general war is avoided it will speak eloquently for the nice adjustment of international relations, and a factor of great influence in pointing the way to a possible general peace plan so ardently hoped for."

BROKE HER SHAFT.

Victoria-Seattle Steamer Rosalie Meets
 With Slight Accident Yesterday.

While on her way from Victoria on her regular run to Seattle yesterday, the passenger steamer Rosalie of the Alaska Steamship Company's fleet had the misfortune to break her intermediate shaft, rendering progress impossible. The cause of the break-down was quite imperceptible to the passengers amongst whom there was no excitement. The steamer drifted a short distance before being picked up by the steamer Whatcom, on her way from Seattle to Victoria, and towed to Port Townsend, where the Rosalie was taken in charge by the tug Tacoma, and conveyed to Seattle for repairs.

Mr. E. E. Blackwood, agent of the company here, received a telegram yesterday from Mr. F. E. Burns, agent in Seattle, in which the latter said that repairs will occupy fully one week, and that during that time the steamer Whatcom will carry on the service in her own schedule time, no steamer taking the Rosalie's run. It is hoped that the Rosalie will be ready for service again next Saturday evening.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Trieste returned yesterday from her trip to Ladysmith for coal, and is now getting ready for a lengthy cruise along the eastern shores of the island, as far as Campbell river, with a large party of passengers.
 Steamer Umattilla arrived Sunday from San Francisco and passed on to the Sound.
 Steamer City of Puebla sailed for San Francisco Sunday evening with a large number of passengers.
 Steamer J. L. Card is loading 500 tons of nitrates from the British bark Harold at the outer wharf, to be taken to Departure bay for the Hamilton Powder Company.

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Steamer City of Topoka took on 200 tons of freight at the outer wharf yesterday morning for Alaska consignees. Mr. H. Dunsinuir denies the reports in the Sound press to the effect that he has been seeking for a steamer there for the Alaska ore carrying trade.

A telegram received yesterday from London reported that the British ship Lydenham, from Hamburg for Seattle, was aground in the River Elbe, lying in a bad position.

Steamer Unicorn arrived last evening from the Fraser river with a large party of Indian fisher folk, bound for Tacoma to work in the hay fields. They went over to Tacoma on the Whatcom last night.

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PROF. SMITH'S LAMENT.

The Professor of the Grange Writes to Bourassa Encouraging Him to Resist.

Mr. Goldwin Smith has written the following letter to Mr. H. Bourassa, M. P. for Labelle:

"The Grange, Toronto, August, 1904.
 Dear Mr. Bourassa: The retirement of Mr. Mores I regret to say, deprives you of the one colleague who had the courage to join you in order to resist Canada's participation in the Boer war. That war, ignoble in its real motives, disastrous in its course, and miserable in its results, was made in spite of the most sacred pact and for an evidently false pretext. This war which England already regrets and which more than anything else, since the death of Joan of Arc, had tarnished the nation's honor, and in order to justify it the Canadian people were basely deceived.
 "As an Englishman, I am proud of the battles my country has won in the service of the nations and of justice. I am also proud of her pacific triumphs, for one of the most noble she has ever won was the abolition of slavery. This triumph, however, has lately been tarnished by the re-establishment of slavery in South Africa. Neither is the glory of England enhanced by destroying the independence of secondary states, nor when, with the use of improved arms, she decimates uncivilized peoples and races as brave as her own, and which contain the germs perhaps of future nations. The cause of the Dutch in South Africa resembles that of your own compatriots in Canada, but fortunately for your people the Liberal party was then dominant in Great Britain.
 "When they speak of Great Britain and of the duty incumbent upon us to aid in her armaments and her wars let us always remember that it is not the British nation, but the party which is now in power. This party came to power by appeals to warlike passions, and it retains it against the manifest will of the people.
 "In refusing to tax themselves in order to sustain the military enterprises of the imperialistic party of Great Britain, your compatriots act in the best interests of the masses of the British people, several millions of whom scarcely exist, and who cannot stand being deprived of their poor morsel of food, to carry on the wars of the empire. No one in the full enjoyment of his mental faculties can imagine that we are really threatened by American aggression. Thousands of your countrymen are employed in the factories of New England, and do they find symptoms of hostility

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